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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The Customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of Customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1974 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The value reported in the export statistics generally is equivalent to a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual Customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual Customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Inquiries concerning these figures should be addressed to the Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Tel: Area Code 301, 763-5140.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample for 1973. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	138,961	(X)	26,269	16,783	64,312	23,462	3,759	3,382	1,232,845	(X)	126,011	85,283	653,930	278,687	39,730	31,091
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	47,248	10,290	5,448	20,727	8,411	1,013	787	(X)	455,812	56,530	25,848	217,471	125,398	12,820	10,261
Boston, Mass.....	3,364	1,479	449	1	2,662	173	32	48	43,969	20,763	3,873	10	36,040	2,749	707	591
Bridgeport, Conn.....	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	24	1,236	1,236	-	-	-	-	-	1,236
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	512	478	508	-	4	-	-	-	5,284	4,798	5,249	-	35	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	58,854	18,871	3,108	4,933	39,546	8,822	307	2,138	625,968	202,901	22,641	38,865	442,038	97,691	3,863	20,871
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,979	1,357	234	217	1,331	162	13	23	11,159	4,946	1,954	1,167	5,974	1,617	53	393
Baltimore, Md.....	80	67	52	-	27	-	-	-	6,572	3,532	470	-	6,102	-	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	58	58	5	-	53	-	-	-	132	132	40	-	92	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	18	18	1	-	-	17	-	-	193	193	1	-	-	192	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	174	169	48	1	118	6	-	1	1,276	1,144	293	75	536	270	-	101
Tampa, Fla.....	100	21	96	3	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	374	108	365	1	5	3	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	13	13	-	-	-	13	-	-	131	131	-	-	-	131	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	847	199	809	25	-	14	(Z)	-	2,276	521	1,946	173	-	156	1	-
Laredo, Tex.....	191	88	190	1	-	-	-	-	855	429	846	9	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	252	242	252	-	-	-	-	-	1,885	1,845	1,885	-	-	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	59	54	59	-	(Z)	-	-	-	76	62	49	-	27	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	9,358	2,802	468	301	2,897	4,316	1,313	63	127,908	41,498	4,467	5,894	41,707	61,665	12,829	1,345
San Francisco, Calif....	5,716	2,909	332	48	560	3,507	1,251	20	110,767	53,067	7,235	838	13,093	70,367	18,672	562
Portland, Oreg.....	197	197	57	-	138	1	-	1	4,639	4,639	565	-	4,049	15	-	11
Seattle, Wash.....	955	765	282	-	210	454	2	6	9,861	6,625	2,120	-	4,115	3,482	31	114
Anchorage, Alaska.....	113	29	9	-	24	79	-	(Z)	472	187	80	-	141	249	-	1
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	556	98	(Z)	-	1	478	76	-	1,924	905	22	-	11	1,194	697	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	47	47	47	-	-	-	-	-	432	432	432	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	47	24	26	-	-	21	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	277	274	175	-	-	100	-	2	3,975	3,936	1,037	-	-	2,903	-	35
Detroit, Mich.....	2,838	2,310	983	61	1,684	76	6	28	16,113	14,054	3,588	139	11,849	343	50	144
Chicago, Ill.....	13,519	5,832	3,012	107	8,255	1,889	9	247	96,066	46,060	20,644	326	51,503	21,579	225	1,789
Cleveland, Ohio.....	495	98	314	(Z)	140	41	(Z)	1	3,072	1,044	2,092	2	687	264	1	27
St. Louis, Mo.....	73	47	23	-	16	34	-	(Z)	705	583	103	-	370	232	-	1
San Juan, P.R.....	1,047	639	801	211	29	4	-	1	5,654	2,126	2,081	1,710	1,767	5	-	92
Miami, Fla.....	17,753	6,514	8,092	9,154	379	116	(Z)	12	64,471	22,579	26,868	32,227	4,595	581	2	199
Houston, Tex.....	2,089	691	588	110	444	694	3	250	11,831	3,848	2,822	191	4,085	3,480	8	1,243
Washington, D.C.....	616	165	1	5	527	79	(Z)	4	10,203	3,409	11	50	8,805	1,273	2	62
All other districts.....	143	120	103	4	23	12	1	-	753	570	447	85	134	59	28	-
Shipments under $251....	15,648	(NA)	5,168	1,601	5,245	2,375	746	512	44,451	(NA)	11,760	3,521	16,168	8,165	2,564	2,273
Special Category.....	994	570	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	18,112	7,485	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. **Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent**

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	86,223	(X)	10,992	10,721	42,299	20,858	591	501	738,112	(X)	75,214	30,374	371,609	219,428	5,449	35,721
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	37,560	4,046	3,385	19,371	10,345	298	114	(X)	337,774	33,479	10,637	184,044	105,257	1,997	2,358
Boston, Mass.....	3,003	1,092	67	43	2,696	188	1	9	20,770	8,612	1,922	141	17,718	938	1	50
Bridgeport, Conn.....	19	11	2	(Z)	10	(Z)	-	7	1,292	389	28	(Z)	373	(Z)	-	890
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	13	11	13	-	(Z)	-	-	-	874	583	870	-	4	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	151	118	138	-	10	2	-	(Z)	3,497	1,814	3,172	-	149	174	-	2
New York City, N.Y.....	37,405	17,527	1,384	3,756	25,674	6,189	116	286	375,558	165,838	27,606	17,334	244,949	54,186	811	30,671
Philadelphia, Pa.....	833	389	72	290	448	21	-	3	7,933	2,321	308	1,309	4,077	354	-	1,885
Baltimore, Md.....	62	46	37	-	22	3	-	-	737	396	361	-	361	14	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	2	2	(Z)	-	2	-	-	-	36	20	15	-	21	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	6	1	(Z)	1	5	-	-	-	30	4	1	6	23	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	107	105	15	(Z)	91	(Z)	-	-	3,602	3,567	93	2	3,505	1	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	98	1	96	-	2	-	-	-	233	19	202	-	31	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	275	13	265	3	5	(Z)	-	-	652	87	570	35	46	1	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	104	74	101	(Z)	(Z)	3	-	-	252	117	201	(Z)	13	37	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	32	18	26	-	3	3	(Z)	-	777	584	588	-	134	54	2	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	20	11	20	-	-	-	-	-	174	122	174	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	6,462	2,339	575	178	1,148	4,310	207	44	89,619	39,081	7,484	681	35,686	43,646	1,479	643
San Francisco, Calif...	5,764	3,511	123	20	312	5,154	154	2	88,178	49,294	1,687	99	3,231	80,272	2,866	23
Portland, Oreg.....	10	5	6	-	1	3	-	-	176	23	169	-	6	1	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	1,626	1,507	132	-	156	1,331	7	(Z)	16,444	13,667	3,261	-	1,902	11,238	41	2
Anchorage, Alaska.....	71	17	32	-	11	28	(Z)	-	727	399	145	-	159	422	1	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	647	169	25	(Z)	21	554	47	-	15,807	2,995	43	5	836	14,829	94	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	40	33	33	(Z)	7	-	-	-	536	530	529	1	6	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Oak.....	21	18	21	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	231	181	229	-	2	(Z)	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	212	139	6	1	71	135	-	-	2,079	1,717	318	3	322	1,436	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	3,161	2,713	177	2	2,953	27	-	2	7,472	6,027	1,222	2	5,999	235	-	13
Chicago, Ill.....	5,237	2,740	432	6	3,731	1,036	8	25	41,394	16,373	6,623	24	25,774	8,580	90	304
Cleveland, Ohio.....	178	9	67	-	110	2	-	-	930	72	432	-	447	51	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	60	50	4	1	55	-	-	-	196	143	24	2	171	-	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	2,127	523	1,575	416	133	3	(Z)	(Z)	4,309	1,138	2,317	530	1,381	78	1	2
Miami, Fla.....	10,160	3,129	4,052	5,712	348	46	-	2	24,793	7,722	11,606	9,355	3,478	347	-	7
Houston, Tex.....	487	226	230	62	183	5	-	8	4,863	1,221	1,340	171	2,668	161	-	524
Washington, D.C.....	1,084	999	34	2	1,010	38	-	1	15,572	12,578	136	394	14,280	195	-	567
All other districts....	24	14	20	-	3	2	-	-	169	139	61	-	101	7	-	-
Shipments under $251...	6,722	(NA)	1,211	229	3,080	1,778	52	112	8,198	(NA)	1,476	279	3,756	2,169	64	137

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